Title Deeds for Land held by Refugees in West Bengal

3238. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of West Bengal has requested the Central Government to confer permanent title deeds or at least lease rights for 99 years, for the homestead land held by refugees from erstwhile East Pakistan in Urban areas and Government Colonies;

(b) whether Government propose to take a favourable decision, in view of the strong public opinion in this regard.

(c) whether Government have made an assessment of the residual rehabilitation programme in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Prime Minister during his October visit to Calcutta had announced some package programme for the rehabilitation of the displaced persons in West Bengal; and

(e) if so, the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) As per decision taken in 1974 the DPs in rural areas in West Bengal are already being allotted land on free-hold basis. The displaced persons in urban areas in West Bengal are, however, being allotted land on 99 years lease hold basis. The policy has been reviewed recently and it has been decided that Government of West Bengal may allot land to DPs in urban areas on lease hold basis or free hold basis depending on their own policy in respective urban areas.

(c) The assessment of residual work has been made from time to time. First assessment was made by Committee of Review during 1967 to 1974 and there after by Working Group in 1975. On their recommendations certain schemes were sanctioned and implemented. At present the schemes regarding grant of house building loans to remaining ex-camp site families, acquisition of land in already regularised 175 squatters colonies and resettlement of enclave migrants are under implementation.

(d) and (e) An announcement regarding regularisation of 613 squatter colonies which were established upto 25.3.1971 and also regarding title to land to DPs in urban areas was made.

Loss of Ammunition from 26 Bn of NCC in U.P.

3239. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a complaint regarding loss of six hundred rounds of ammunition by the officer commanding of 26 UP Bn. of NCC Lakhimpur Kheri has been received recently;

(b) if so, what are the details of the complaint;

(c) whether some members of permanent Instructional staff were shown as having participated in the firing held on 16th March, 1985 while actually they were on leave;

(d) if so, what is the number of such members of Permanent Instructional staff; and

(e) what remedial steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A complaint was received that 600 rounds of 303 ammunition had been misused or misappropriated or sold by the Officer Commanding 26 U.P. Bn NCC, Lakhimpur Kheri, by showing fictitious firing on 16th March, 1985.

(c) and (d) One member of Permanent Instructional Staff, who was on leave, participated in the firing on 16th March, 1985.

(e) The complaint has been enquired into and no evidence has been found of